MISSION TO KALDOR PART TWO

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The VISCOUNT crosses th black void of space in record time thanks to the new high octane fuel from PANORAMA chemicals . From the operations room they eject communication satellites .

ERIC YOUNGBLOOD MISSION CONTROL are you there .
AMES SWIFT loud and clear VISCOUNT

GENE carries the last payload to the ejection tube next to the OPERATIONS console, and loads it .

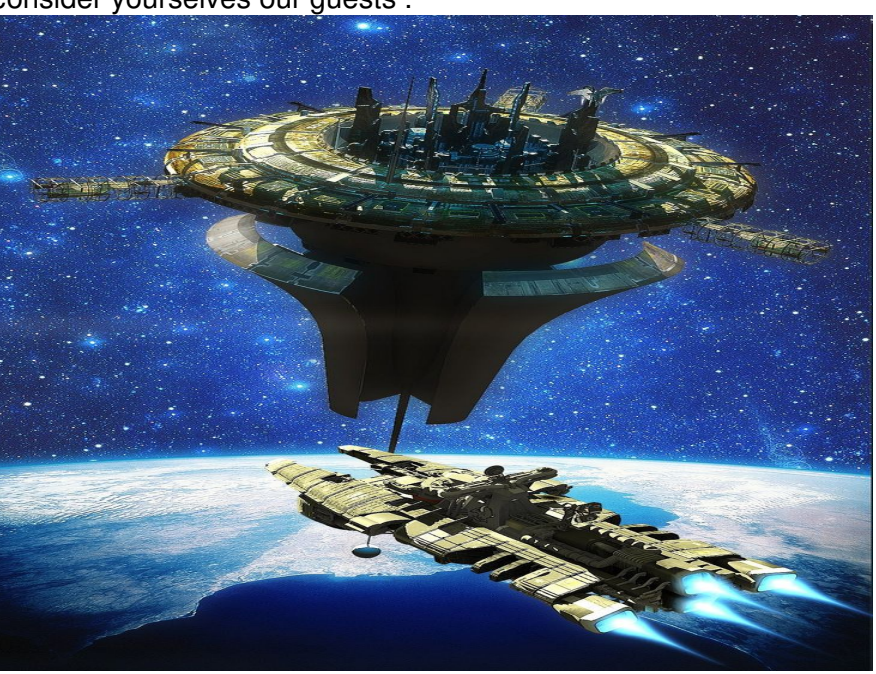
ERIC lines with a telephoto lens attached to the hull of the VISCOUNT .

ERIC YOUNGBLOOD Last of the communication satellites away .
GABBY MCDOOGLE I have visual sighting of the JUPITER shuttle
IM FERGUSSON maneuvering into position
GABBY MCDOOGLE Firing umbilical cord

The ship fires its retro rockets and comes to a stop above the JUPITER space station. An umbilical line retracts from her and connects to the entry hatch .It inflates creating a stable walkway between the VISCOUNT and the JUPITER space station and the four crew walk along into the airlock .

ERIC YOUNGBLOOD Elaine Dunlop from the typing pool
IM FERGUSSON Yeah what about her
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD She's got me exactly where she wants me
IM FERGUSSON What millions of miles away and in a dangerous

ocation
IM uses a wall mounted INTERCOM to open the airlock and they alight the spacestation to find a V-O-C robot at a communications console in the operations room .
They follow V31 to the gally and let GABBY call up mission control
From the COMM UNIT she hears JAMES SWIFT and JENNY TREVITHICK from mission control at the TITAN base .
AMES SWIFT Well done VISCOUNT load and clear, try to integrate with KALDOR and report back .
GABBY MCDOOGLE Of course you want the phone number of KALDOR company central .
AMES SWIFT All our trustees are standing by for the first meeting with KALDOR COMPANY CENTRAL .
GABBY MCDOOGLE Keep them on standby. I've an incoming line from OMEGA STATION.
From the other side of the DIMENSION gate they here a female voice from the COMM UNIT
CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY Welcome the crew of the VISCOUNT
JIM FERGUSSON We need assistance to upgrade our space station
CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY I've been expecting you and I have orders o help you through the DIMENSION gate and send you down to KALDOR CITY so consider yourselves our guests .



CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY leaves her command chair and goes through a hexagonal guardrail and onto the main gantry of OMEGA station in orbit above KALDOR .
She passes crew members in colored tops an black bell bottoms and a group of children come running past
CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY Don't forget to walk in all areas of the station children .
[YES CAPTAIN]
She continues down the bright corridor and climbs down a ladder fixed to a wall then over into the security wing where V35 is at the security console .
CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY I need a SUPERVOC to lead an away team through the DIMENSION GATE and assist the crew of the VISCOUNT and bring them through the DIMENSION gate ..
[SV87 report to the DIMENSION gate with your team]
ON THE JUPITER SPACE STATION
GABBY MACDOOGLE The DIMENSION gate has activated and we can expect a platoon for
V-O-C robots to come through to help
JIM FERGUSSON GENE come and help get equipment over from VISCOUNT .
JIM and GENE walk through the airlock and across using the umbilical line to VISCOUNT into the cargo bay and put there space suits on
JIM FERGUSSON Let's get to the cargo hold and help each other into their space suits attaching rocket packs for working on building the space station .
GENE MOCKFORD I'll scratch your back and you scratch mine .
THEY OPEN THE CARGO BAY DOORS AND PICK UP COMPONENTS AND SPACE WALK OVER .
JIM FERGUSSON Our first task is to attach this lock to the OPERATIONS ROOM and assemble the new pod .7
A short distance from JUPITER space station one of the large twin arcs rotates 40 degrees creating a DIMENSION gate. A rippling mercury pool is visible at it's center that ejects and a group of V-O-C robots that emerge and fly over to the hull of the capsule
JIM FERGUSSON THANK YOU SV7 WE'LL CHECK THE INTEGRITY OF THE NEW POD AND
THEN FOLLOW YOUR VOC PLATOON THROUGH TO KALDOR
The crew of the VISCOUNT open the airlock to the new pod and then walk through equalizing the pressure where GABBY is at the communications station .
JIM FERGUSSON We now have a permanent JUPITER platform .

ERIC YOUNGBLOOD GREAT we'll have to leave now while the DIMENSION gate is active .
GABBY MCDOOGLE I'll leave you in charge here v31, I can't wait to get over to KALDOR CITY and meet interesting people from the other side of the galaxy .
She leaves the communications bay, puts on her space suit and joins the rest of the crew in the airlock .
JIM FERGUSSON Mission control we're about to go over to the dimension gate
They leave the space station and space walk towards the Mercury pool at the center of the DIMENSION GATE
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD I've done this before follow me
Eric leads his crew through the rippling Mercury pool of the DIMENSION gate and they find themselves suspended above an oval platform by an operator working at a control console and are slowly lowered onto the deck .A young woman comes through the sliding double door into the brightly lit room decorated in pastel shades of primary colors .
CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY Welcome to omega station I'm your captain , if you follow V32 I'll see you in my ready room in half an hour .
They follow V32 out into a main gantry straight to the medical wing of OMEGA station .
V32 DOCTOR CHALMERS will give you a medical then you'll join the captain .
they follow into the medical wing and given new uniforms and they then to a conference room
GABBY MCDOOGLE Our trustees are waiting to start negotiation and I've connected this console here to the COMM UNIT on our space station.
JIM FERGUSSON And we're curious about your evolution
GENE MOCKFORD your SIMILAR THOUGH MORE ADVANCED
CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY We arrived on a colony ship thousands of years ago and have only a vague memory from where we've sent out probes to find other M-class planets and have discovered other life forms who now form our GALACTIC FEDERATION .
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD Isn't COMMANDER RELL here Captain he showed me around KALDOR on my last visit .
CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY COMMANDER RELL is on shore leave at the moment .He'll be called in to oversee your stay with us KALDOR CITY .
You'll undergo normal medical and security procedures before I issue you with temporary passes and registration that you can use throughout KADOR .
GENE MOCKFORD The keys to the city
CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY I'll leave you to acclimate and find COMMANDER RELL ,then have a shuttle ready to take you down to the city .

N KALDOR CITY ...Stenton Rell leaves his office and walks through the mid morning ground traffic making a call on his wrist communicator .

STENTON RELL I'll meet you at the top of the residency in 10 minutes LAGO and don't be late

RELL Takes to travel tube up to the helipad on the top of the CYPRUS CORNERS where LAGO is waiting

CASTAN LAGO I said I wouldn't be long .

They take a travel tube up to the roof helipad and alight a FLIER that takes a pre-programed flight play over the skyline towards the other side of KALDOR CITY towards ARCADIA .

STENTON RELL We deserve a break after our mission to GALDA PRIME we're going over to Arcadia, an unregistered part of the city . .

CASTAN LAGO Absolutely but I really must get on if I'm going to design a RUTON tracker .

STENTON RELL The HIGH COUNCIL is waiting for a result here .

CASTAN LAGO From what I hear from the news agencies ,they're keen to exaggerate the threat of RUTAN spies in our midst .

STENTON RELL The founding families love that paranoa and it distracts people from spectrox running .If I catch anyone I'll throw the book at them whichever family they come from .

The FLIER lands on a ground level pad, and they walk across the street to a high sandstone wall .

LAGO some of the first masters are the other side of that market

They enter a market and take the central path then a short flight of stone steps and through louvered doors of the EAGLE and CHILD tavern .
They walk past two V-O-C robots standing guard inside and walk along into the group of tourists and citizens of KALDOR.
LAGO HELLO V73 how business
V73 The EAGLE AND CHILD bar has been full all evening commander .
STENTON RELL WHERE'S THE COMM UNIT
THE V-O-C shows a key pad and LAGO makes a call [my party is in the far alcove Vrel]
They walk through the customers to the back and take their places at alcove seats .
RUBY HERE are the heroes of KALDOR, who find and track RUTON spys
STENTON RELL WE FOUND ONE ON GALDA PRIME
SAFFIRE Latest news from one of the recycling plants, another group of V-O-C stopped and took a transport towards the residency.
STENTON RELL There's still an element of Robophobia and the SONS OF KALDOR make virus programs that can disrupt the function of the V-O-C ROBOT .
LAGO That's what I'm trying to avoid, programs built by rivals when I'm upgrading, so they upload a journal every evening and a SUPERVOC maintains their accumulated memories throughout their life .
SAFFIRE yeah they send out Apache warriors with virus programs .
RUBY All roller skates and shin pads .
CASTAN LAGO We even had a V-O-C ROBOT join a youth gang once they'd installed a virus program .
STENTON RELL So far it's only been petty crime but things could escalate .
CASTAN LAGO There was one time many years ago on STORM MINE FOUR way out on the sand dunes of the blind heart desert .
RUBY I heard about that ,when all they're robots turned on the crew and became homicidal
RELL MOST OF THE CREW WERE KILLED BY V-O-C THAT HAD TURNED INTO KILLERS
LAGO Then the captain found that his chief of staff was TARON CAPEL , trying to take over the ship .
SAFFIRE Would have lost them if CAPTAIN UVANOV hadn't made a jamming signal before all the V-O-C were infected .
From the other side of the tavern aV-O-C steps onto the dance floor and a citizen shouts ,

[watch out this robot can dance]
LAGO If you can distract him I can input a shutdown code , grab him Rell
RELL charges the VOC and they fall back onto a table spilling glasses onto the floor then crash onto the floor. The robot struggles to get up and LAGO FINDS his direct input socket shutting it down TheV-O-C is immobilized,
RELL Get this lumbering trash heap off me
LAGO we'll never catch the apache warrior who sabotaged this v-o-c,
RELL yeah and as per usual the SONS OF KALDORA are well connected with founding families and i can't prosecute .
He calls COMPANY OPERATIONS ROOM on his wrist communicator .
RELL clean up team to EAGLE and CHILD tavern
They leave the EAGLE and CHILD tavern and walk out the high sandstone wall onto the street then over to the helipad that's maned by V67 at a FLYER CONTROL CONSOLE .
He gets a call from OMEGA station .
CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY The humans from the VISCOUNT spaceship have just arrived and You are to meet them and bring them to LANDERCHILD at COMPANY CENTRAL
LAGO Sounds like the shore leave is canceled commander .
RELL I've met them before
LAGO And I must get back to my office research has been given a top priority rating
RELL Slow down LAGO that V-O-C fell on me .
LAGO ALRIGHT GET IN THE FLIER AND I'LL SET THE COORDINATES FOR MY APARTMENT AT CYPRUS CORNERS .